

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 190

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN COBB**, on April 16, 2003 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Cobb, Chairman (R)
Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Daniel S. Hurwitz (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Sprague (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo
Lisa Gallagher

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Tape stamp refers to material immediately following.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 190, 4/15/2003
Executive Action: HB 190

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 190

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REP. YOUNKIN said do not amend the bill in anyway. She also said **REP. JUNEAU** said that the tribes do not issue photo id's. She contacted all of the tribes in Montana and found out that they all issue photo id's.

REP. WINDY BOY said that his tribe does require a photo id.

SEN. COBB said that the information that we have is that everyone has a photo identification on the reservation.

REP. YOUNKIN said that she verified that all tribes issue photo id's.

REP. WINDY BOY explained to the Committee his amendments.

EXHIBIT (frh82hb0190a01)

EXHIBIT (frh82hb0190a02)

EXHIBIT (frh82hb0190a03)

EXHIBIT (frh82hb0190a04)

Motion: **REP. WINDY BOY moved that HB 190 BE AMENDED.**

SEN. SQUIRES said that she thinks it is appropriate to coordinate.

REP. YOUNKIN said that she would resist any amendments and these issues have already been debated.

Vote: **Motion that HB 190 BE AMENDED failed 2-4, SEN. SQUIRES, REP. WINDY BOY voting aye, by voice vote. SEN. SPRAGUE voting no by proxy.**

Motion: **REP. WINDY BOY moved that HB 190 BE AMENDED.**

SEN. SQUIRES said that she supports this amendment, because you should not have to prove who you are if you are already on the books.

Vote: **Motion that HB 190 BE AMENDED failed 2-4, SEN. SQUIRES, REP. WINDY BOY voting aye, by voice vote. SEN. SPRAGUE voting no by proxy.**

Motion: **REP. WINDY BOY moved that HB 190 BE AMENDED.**

SEN. SQUIRES said that she supports this, because it changes the 30 days back to 45 days, and you should give the longest time for access.

REP. YOUNKIN said that as soon as the ballots are ready they will be sent out, but this just states that it cannot be less than 30 days.

SEN. SQUIRES said that she likes the idea that the absent ballot is connected with the voter information.

Vote: Motion that HB 190 BE AMENDED failed 2-4, SEN. SQUIRES, REP. WINDY BOY voting aye, by voice vote. SEN. SPRAGUE voting no by proxy.

Motion: REP. WINDY BOY moved that HB 190 BE AMENDED.

SEN. SQUIRES said that she supports this amendment, because the voter is not getting credit for anything.

REP. WINDY BOY said that he thought that these amendments were friendly amendments. It is not fair for new voters, and we do not need to go over the requirements of the Help America Voter Act (HAVA).

REP. YOUNKIN said that the requirements for a new voter is federal law.

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SEN. SQUIRES said that we have made so many exceptions, but we have made it hard for the average voter. She also said that she does not feel that the compromise has been held up by the Secretary of States Office.

Vote: Motion that HB 190 BE AMENDED failed 2-4, SEN. SQUIRES, REP. WINDY BOY voting aye, by voice vote. SEN. SPRAGUE voting no by proxy.

Motion/Vote: REP. YOUNKIN moved that HB 190 DO PASS. Motion carried 4-2, SEN. SQUIRES, REP. WINDY BOY voting no. SEN. SPRAGUE voting aye by proxy.

REP. JUNEAU said that she said she did not know if all the tribes required a photo id. She also said that she hoped this bill would have some type of appeal process in it.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

SEN. JOHN COBB, Chairman

LISA GALLAGHER, Secretary

JC/LG

EXHIBIT (frh82hb0190aad)